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Monkeypox Virus Outbreak, Update #4 *First Pediatric Infection Identified in NH* *Updated JYNNEOS™ Vaccine Guidance*

Key Points and Recommendations:

- Be aware that NH has identified the first case of monkeypox virus infection in a child. This infection has resulted in limited exposure to a school classroom in Manchester, NH.
 - NH Division of Public Health Services (DPHS), in coordination with the Manchester Department of Health, is conducting contact tracing to identify persons who may have been exposed and will be reaching out to those persons to conduct active monitoring and connect them with JYNNEOS vaccine post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)
 - Available information suggests that the general school population and surrounding community is at very low risk for monkeypox virus exposure from this case
- JYNNEOS vaccine demand in NH has been low (see [CDC map](#)), and with increasing vaccine supply NH DPHS is updating guidance to recommend the following persons receive the JYNNEOS vaccine:
 - Persons who identify as gay, bisexual, queer, or other man who has sex with men (MSM) and believe they are at risk for monkeypox virus infection (including persons in a monogamous relationship who have a sex partner that is at higher risk for monkeypox)
 - A person of any gender or sexual orientation whom a provider thinks is at increased risk for monkeypox virus infection
 - Persons who report in the prior 14 days a known exposure to another person infected with monkeypox virus or contaminated objects
 - Post-exposure vaccination should ideally occur within 4 days of an exposure to prevent disease, but vaccination should be offered up to 14 days after last exposure
 - To assess for post-exposure vaccination, use the following CDC resources:
 - Healthcare exposures: [Healthcare Provider Exposure Risk Assessment](#)
 - Community exposures: [Community Exposure Risk Assessment](#)
- NH's updated vaccination guidance is intended to be more inclusive and provide flexibility for healthcare providers, but also allows patients to self-identify as being at-risk.
- JYNNEOS vaccine clinic locations and contact information can be found online at our [NH monkeypox website](#).

- For any questions regarding this notification, please call the NH DHHS, DPHS, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at (603) 271-4496 during business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).
- If you are calling after hours or on the weekend, please call the New Hampshire Hospital switchboard at (603) 271-5300 and request the Public Health Professional on-call.
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